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THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Harijan Welfare Department incurred expenditure on the provision of house-sites, pathways, wells, etc., and on the educational facilities of Harijans and Harijan Christians including those workers employed in the Tanneries during the years 1946–52 and up to 31st December 1952. But no separate figures in respect of these items for those working in tanneries are compiled and are not consequently available."

Irrigation works in Visakhapatnam and Srikakulam divisions.

* 979 *Q.*—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total allotment for the irrigation works under the Food Production Department in the State for the year 1952–53;

(*b*) what is the total amount spent so far on irrigation works this year; and

(*c*) what is the amount sanctioned for Visakhapatnam and Srikakulam divisions in particular?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) Rs. 179 lakhs.

" (*b*) Rs. 161 lakhs.

" (*c*) Visakhapatnam Rs. 6,24,400 and Srikakulam Rupees 5,71,600."

Medical aid to Non-Gazetted officers.

* 980 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether under the scheme of free medical aid to non-gazetted Government servants, free aid is given to them in non-Government medical institutions; and

(*b*) whether under that scheme the Government propose to reimburse at least the medical expenses of non-gazetted officers incurred in payment to the private practitioners specializing in certain diseases like tuberculosis, malaria, cancer, etc.?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The concessions granted to non-gazetted officers and their families are applicable to them only when they undergo treatment in State medical institutions. If, however, there is no Government Hospital, a Government servant may undergo treatment in a non-Government medical institution on the advice of his official medical attendant and the charges realized by the institution will be defrayed on his behalf by the Government.

" (*b*) The answer is in the negative."

Exemption to commercial establishments in Anakapalle from the operation of Shops and Establishments Act.

* 981 *Q.*—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether